wise exports of Chillies have been as follows:—

Year	Qty. (M. Tons)	Value (Rs. laths)
1982-83	12888.45	124
1983-84	10610 45	878
1984-85	8226.92	967
1985-86	1241.05	202
1986-87	4327.13	496
1987-88	6122.00	833 (Provisional)

The steps being taken to boost exports inpludle payment of Cash Compensatory Support on exports in consumer packs, import replenishment licenses for packing material, publicity for market promotion abroad etc.

(b) Our principal competitors are China and Pakistan. Major markets for uur export of Chillies have been UPA. Sri Lanka, Japan and USSR.

(c) *w.e.f.* 26-2-1988 Export Promotion Council has been merged with the new Spices Board which is taking various steps to increase export of spices which include sponsoring sales-cum-study delegation participation in International fairs, and other publi-icty campaigns etc. for market promotior abroad.

746. [Transferred to the 12th *August,* 1988].

Aid-India Consortium Meeting

747. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA-JI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Aid-India Consortium meeting was held and the location thereof;

(b) what are the names of the member countries of the Consortium;

(c) what are the names of the members of the Indian Delegation; and

(d) what was the outcome of the deliberations at the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALE. IRO): (a) The Aid India Consortium Meeting was held in Paris on June 20-21, 1988.

(b) The member countries of the India Consortium are Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States.

(c) The Indian delegation to the Aid India Consortium Meeting was led by Shri S. Venkitaramanan, Finance Secretary. The other Members of delegation were Dr. Bimal Jalan, Secretary & C.E.A. Department of Economic Affairs, Shri J. L. Bajaj, Joint Secretary Department of Economic Affairs, Shri N. P. Jain, Ambassador (EEC) Embassy of India, Brussels, Shri R. N. Mulye, Acting Ambassador Embassy of India Paris, Shri Prabhat Kumar, Minister (Economic) Embassy of India Paris, Shri Nripendra Misra, Minister (Economic), Embassy of India Washington, Shri P. V. Bhide Adviser to Ex~-u. tive Director (Bank) and Shri Madhav Lal, Deputy Secretary Department of Economic Affairs.

(d) The Aid Indications given at the meeting pointed to a commitment level of about US $ 6.3 billion in 1988-83.